

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RETAIL HUB NEAR RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are contemplating to open retail hub near Railway Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of income generated by selling/leasing land near Railway Stations, till date;
- (d) whether the Railways have any plan to ensure participation of educated unemployed in opening retail hub of this kind; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

(a)and(b): The feasibility of attracting additional traffic by leveraging sparable railway land through partnership with agri-retail chain is under consideration.

(c)to(e): Expression of interest was invited from prospective private participants to gauge their interest in using surplus land at non-metropolitan towns for agri-retail chains. 9 (Nine) firms responded to the same showing their interest in utilisation of various land sites. Final decision regarding how to proceed further in this regard is yet to be taken.